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1. DR. CURTIS TARR, FORMERLY DIRECTOR, SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM, WAS ONLY RECENTLY APPOINTED UNDER SECRETARY FOR COORDINATING SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, A NEW OFFICE ESTABLISHED IN STATE DEPT. HIS TRIP IS PRIMARILY FOR FAMILIARIZATION WITH BOTH SEA AND THE PROGRAMS. SINCE THE LAOS PM PROGRAM IS [REDACTED] IT IS NOT TECHNICALLY CLASSED AS A SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. BECAUSE OF THE SIZE AND POLITICAL INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM, TARR'S OFFICE WILL PROBABLY BECOME MORE INVOLVED. WE HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHO WE UNDERSTAND IS ACTING AS BAG CARRIER ON THE TRIP.

2. ADM. TESH IS THE NEW REPLACEMENT FOR ADM. FLANAGAN, ISA (EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC) AND WILL BECOME DEEPLY INVOLVED IN BOTH POLICY AND SUPPORT MATTERS FOR THE PM PROGRAM. WHILE WE HAVE NOT YET HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF HIM, [REDACTED] SHOULD

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*THE IRREGULAR*  
PROVIDE IN-DEPTH BRIEFING ON PROGRAM AND APPRISE HIM OF  
ANY PROBLEMS WHICH HE MAY SOLVE AT DOD HQS.

3. TOM PICKERING HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH FINALIZING THE  
INTERAGENCY QUARTERLY REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON THE SYMINGTON  
CEILING AND WITH THE PROS AND CONS ON CEILING INCREASES.  
HIS OFFICE ALSO INVOLVED IN DECLASSIFICATION OF MOOSE AND  
LOWENSTEIN REPORT. GP-7

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